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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND DIETARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR AMERICANS IMPRISONED ABROAD

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1. DEPARTMENT IS PRESENTLY PREPARING INSTRUCTIONS AND
GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF A NEW PROGRAM, ENTITLED
EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND DIETARY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EMDAP),
WHICH IS INTENDED TO PROVIDE POSTS WITH THE RESOURCES
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NECESSARY TO ASSIST AMERICANS IMPRISONED ABROAD WHO CANNOT
SECURE THE NECESSARY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT OR MINIMAL
DIETARY REGIMEN. THE PROGRAM IS DIVIDED IN THREE ELEMENTS
AS FOLLOWS: A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE. INTENDED
TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT ON A
LIMITED, REIMBURSABLE BASIS WHEN THE SERVICE IS MANDATORY
TO PREVENT DEATH OR PERMANENT DISABLEMENT; CANNOT BE FUNDED

PRIVATELY BY THE PRISONER OR FAMILY; AND CANNOT OR WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY THE INCARCERATING AUTHORITY. B. SHORT TERM FULL FEEDING. WILL ESTABLISH A METHOD OF FUNDING FOOD FOR THOSE AMERICAN PRISONERS BEING HELD TEMPORARILY IN SHORT-TERM FACILITIES WHERE FOOD IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE

INCARCERATING OFFICIALS, AND NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH ANY OTHER SOURCE, INCLUDING PRIVATE FUNDS FROM THE PRISONER, HIS FAMILY OR FRIENDS. C. DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS. WILL PROVIDE DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR PRISONERS WHOSE NORMAL PRISON FARE IS JUDGED INSUFFICIENT TO MAINTAIN AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF HEALTH, AND SUCH SUPPLEMENTS ARE NOT AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PRISONERS PRIVATE RESOURCES.

2. THERE ARE CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROGRAM WHICH SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED: A. SERVICES FUNDED MUST BE MANDATORY; THAT IS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WILL BE FUNDED ONLY IF DEEMED NECESSARY TO PREVENT, OR ATTEMPT TO PREVENT, DEATH OR PERMANENT DISABLEMENT. SHORT-TERM FULL FEEDING WILL BE FUNDED ONLY WHEN THE PRISONER IS INCARCERATED IN A TEMPORARY HOLDING FACILITY THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE MEALS. DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS ARE FUNDED ONLY WHEN THE NORMAL PRISON FARE HAS BEEN MEDICALLY EVALUATED AS BEING INADEQUATE TO MAINTAIN AN ACCEPTABLE STANDARD OF HEALTH. B. SERVICES UNDER THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL AND SHORT-TERM FULL FEEDING ELEMENTS OF THE PROGRAM ARE FUNDED ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS - UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT IS, THE PRISONER MUST SIGN A PROMISSORY NOTE, SIMILAR TO THAT USED FOR REPATRIATION LOANS, BEFORE FUNDS MAY BE EXPENDED. ALSO, EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FUNDS FROM THE PRISONER, HIS FAMILY OR OTHER SOURCES HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. THE DIETARY SUPPLEMENT ELEMENT OF THE PROGRAM WILL NOT BE ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS DUE TO THE RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF MONEY EXPENDED PER PRISONER COMPARED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF PROCESSING LOANS. C. THE PURPOSE OF THE EMDAP PROGRAM IS NOT, REPEAT NOT, TO ABROGATE HOST GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE MEDICAL AND DIETARY CARE FOR AMERICAN PRISONERS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION NOR WILL IT ALLEVIATE EACH POST'S RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE ADEQUATE AND APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIONS TO HOST OFFICIALS WHEN THESE RESPONSIBILITIES ARE NOT BEING MET.

3. LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ASKED FOR PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION AND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF DOLLARS 350,000 FOR FY 1978. THE AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATIONS BILLS FOR FY 1978 HAVE NOT YET BEEN PASSED, BUT WE EXPECT BOTH THE AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION TO EMERGE BASICALLY UNCHANGED. THE CONGRESS ALSO INCLUDED AUTHORIZATION FOR THE PROGRAM IN A FY 1977 SUPPLEMENTAL BILL RECENTLY

PASSED AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT. HOWEVER, THE CONGRESS
DID NOT IDENTIFY ANY APPROPRIATION LEVEL FOR THE PROGRAM
FOR THE REMAINDER OF FY 1977. THE EXACT IMPLEMENTATION
DATE OF THE PROGRAM IS NOT YET ESTABLISHED, NOR HAVE WE YET
IDENTIFIED THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS, IF ANY, WHICH MIGHT BE
AVAILABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION AND MAINTENANCE FOR THE
REMAINDER OF THIS FISCAL YEAR. WE HOPE TO HAVE INSTRUCTIONS

AND GUIDELINES ISSUED WITHIN THE NEXT THIRTY TO SIXTY DAYS.
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